COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

Investigation by the Department of Telecommunications)	
And Energy To Establish A Surcharge To Recover Prudently)	
Incurred Costs Associated with the Provision of Wireline)	D.T.E. 03-63
Enhanced 911 Services, Relay Services for TDD/TTY users,)	
Communications Equipment Distribution For People With)	
Disabilities, and Amplified Handsets At Pay Telephones)	

Petition For Leave To Intervene

Allegiance Telecom of Massachusetts, Inc. ("Allegiance"), by undersigned counsel and pursuant to 220 C.M.R. §1.03, hereby requests leave to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this request, Allegiance shows the following:

Allegiance is a competitive local exchange carrier providing local exchange service, including E911 service, in Verizon's territory in Massachusetts. Pursuant to the Department's proposed E911 rules, Allegiance will be required to assess an E911 surcharge on its end users and remit the collected amounts to the State Emergency Telecommunications Board ("SETB"). This purpose of this proceeding is to establish an interim surcharge to remain in place pending establishment of a permanent surcharge. Because Allegiance will be required to bill its end users the interim surcharge and remit the payments to the SETB, Allegiance has a substantial and specific interest in the proceeding that will determine the amount of the interim surcharge.

For the foregoing reasons, Allegiance respectfully requests that the Department grant this petition for leave to intervene.

Respectfully submitted,

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